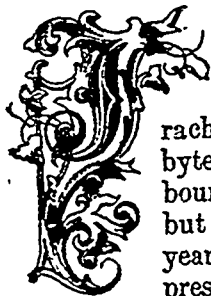


question of Innovations in Public Worship. It will be seen by the vote that no changes in the mode of conducting public worship are to be allowed, unless the same shall be approved by Presbyteries and their sanction given, and their decision is to be binding and obligatory on all parties, until the following meeting of General Assembly, to which the congregation may appeal.

The Endowment Committee reported that last year ten new parishes had been added to the Church, and a sum of nearly thirty-one thousand pounds collected.— Reports were also received from the Home Mission, Sabbath School, and other Committees. To these we shall probably direct attention from time to time, believing that here we may derive many lessons from what others are doing. The Endowment Scheme especially answers, as nearly as the different circumstances of the country will permit, to our Home Mission Fund, under the Temporalities Board; and similar efforts to those made for the one, will probably meet with success of a similar kind if used in the other.



It is with deep sorrow we have to record the death of the Rev. William Darrach, Moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal. His labours as a minister have lasted but a few years, but they were years into which was compressed an amount of work that few men could have accomplished.

To his devotion to his Master's cause may, in some measure, be ascribed his early removal. Studying hard in Queen's College, he obtained leave to carry on simultaneously different parts of the curriculum, which should have been extended over several years. We do not believe his constitution ever fairly recovered from the strain then put upon it, and his strenuous efforts to overtake the responsibilities thrown upon him, and which were the more numerous, since he was willing to take even more than his fair share, snapped the golden cord of life, and the spirit returned to God who gave it.

Mr. Darrach was born in Campbelton, Argyllshire, and from his early youth was brought up to habits of industry. When quite a young man he was led to investigate the truths of the Bible, and there is every reason to believe that his conversion then took place. His employment, that of ship

carpenter, led to his residence in Glasgow, Renfrew, and other ship-building towns on the Clyde, and in all the towns in which he resided his earnest desire for the good of his fellow men and his burning thirst after knowledge were known and appreciated by those who had opportunities of knowing him. The Rev. Mr. Alexander, of Renfrew, was a warm friend, and to his kindly counsels Mr. Darrach was often indebted in the pursuit of his studies, which, however, were carried on in a more or less desultory way, his daily employment and his care for others often interrupting them. It was while in Renfrew that his notice was attracted to Canada, by an article which appeared in the *Presbyterian*, lamenting the paucity of Missionaries or pastors for the destitute parts of the Province. He could get no rest. He consulted Mr. Alexander and others, and, after prayerful and earnest consideration, he and his wife resolved to cast all upon God, and to trust that, having gone on His work they would be led by His guidance. Alexander Morris, Esq., was one of the first whom Mr. Darrach saw here. Consulting with John Greenshields, Esq., and Mr., now Dr., Snodgrass, he was advised to study in Queen's College. "I came," said he, "to do whatever lay before me. I was willing to work with my own hands, for my own support, if thereby I might be useful in Christ's cause. I was willing to go as a catechist, without prosecuting my studies farther; or I was willing, devoting all my energies to the task, to try to fit myself for the work of saving souls." He was successful as a student, passed a creditable examination, and received license. He was but a short time licensed when he was ordained to the charge at Point St. Charles, then newly organised, and to his unwearied efforts may justly be ascribed the success which has hitherto attended this charge.

On Friday afternoon, the 16th of June, while engaged assisting Mrs. Darrach to remove some article of furniture he suddenly fainted. This attack was followed by dysentery which so rapidly reduced his strength that life was despaired of. On Saturday he rallied, and was believed to be out of danger. "How much more clearly" said he to his wife, "can I tell of the power of religion on a death bed. I believed myself to be dying, but all was peace. With what different feelings can I tell my people what God has done, and this will be a lesson to me to work more faithfully, more earnestly than ever." He seemed to continue impro-